**Vocabulary**

* Alumni – persons who graduated from a school or college
* *carpe diem*
* daffodils- a kind of flower that is yellow and blooms in the spring
* daring – willing to do something dangerous
* dispel – get rid of; to eliminate
* fertilizer – material put on plants to help them grow; plant food
* fester – become infected and have pus
* hormones – chemicals the body makes, often meaning sexual ones
* iota – very little amount
* legacy – what one leaves, when dead, for the next generations
* overture - a piece of music written as an introduction to a longer musical piece, especially an opera or symphony
* oyster – a shell fish that produces pearls
* peruse - to read something in a careful way
* phalanx
* pubescence – the time when your body develops from being a child to being an adult: teenage years
* reluctant - unwilling and slow to do something
* sentiment- an opinion or feeling that you have about something such as pity, love, or sadness that is considered to be too strong
* unfortunate - happening because of bad luck
* weakling - someone who is not physically strong

**idioms**

* I’ll second that – agree with
* come on - stop it or really?; let’s go
* suit yourself – satisfy yourself, do what you want to
* the spitting image – looks exactly the same as
* holy cow – expression like “Oh my goodness”
* food for worms – in the grave
* 98 pound weakling – a person who is physically not strong
* Fertilizing daffodils – rotting in a grave
* Hustle up - hurry
* World is his oyster – can do anything he wants, very lucky position
* Phalanx of pubescence – wild time of teenagers